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EXCERPTS FROM THE 27th MEETING OF STANCICC ON 13 FEBRUARY 1946

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Consider Status of Plans for Coordination of Army-Navy C.I. Activities -
(Section I, Part A, Item 3):

Captain Wenger reported that the Navy had submitted a tentative plan two weeks ago for the coordination of C.I. activities. This plan is substantially the plan proposed by the Navy last May with the addition of a coordinator of joint tasks. He said he believed that it would be desirable to clear up this matter before some of the members left for England and that for the time being at least a plan of this kind short of merger should be put into effect. General Corderman said that he favored a scheme of this kind because he considers it necessary to have a coordinator who possesses the confidence of STANCIB to accomplish his mission with proper authority and responsibility. This depends on the headway given him by STANCIB. There are certain details, he continued, which must still be worked out. He said he is in favor of making the coordinator responsible for the production of intelligence rather than the heads of the agencies since this latter alternative would make the coordinator a mere figurehead. Captain Harper pointed out that in an arrangement of this kind much would depend on the persons who were in charge of the agencies. Captain Smedberg expressed the opinion that giving the coordinator sufficient responsibility would make for better organization.

Captain Wenger pointed out that this question involves a decision whether a coordinator or a director is advisable, since a coordinator would not really be responsible in the same way a director would be. General Corderman asked who would be responsible if the coordinator assigned a task to an agency which could not perform it. He said there would be no question of responsibility if the coordinator were given sufficient authority, but this is a decision to be made by STANCIB. Captain Wenger stated that he is open-minded on the subject and asked how the directives of the coordinator could be enforced. General Corderman replied that in any case where the coordinator had difficulty with an agency head he could appeal to the agency head's chief or to STANCIB.

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Captain Harper remarked that the questions still remaining mostly involve technical details. General Corderman commented that there were still some important problems which could be considered more than technical details. If the coordinator is responsible for production, he will see that tasks are assigned to people who are qualified to take them over. However, if he is not responsible for production and if the production of intelligence ceases where will the responsibility rest? Captain Wenger said that this question is still to be decided but that the balanced representation in the proposed scheme would tend to diminish the danger of inequitable allocation.

General Corderman remarked that the actual working out of such a plan would depend on the persons participating in it but that greater efficiency would exist if responsibility could be definitely assigned. To Captain Wenger's question who would be responsible if the agency to which a task was allocated should lack the necessary facilities, General Corderman replied that the coordinator should be made responsible. Captain Wenger remarked that the questions to be decided by STANCIB are (a) whether a coordinator or a director is advisable, and (b) what his responsibility and authority should be.

Captain Wenger stated that the question has arisen whether the advisory subcommittees should be under STANCICC and above the coordinator, as they are in the present plan, or under the coordinator. Captain Smedberg expressed the opinion that they should be under the coordinator. General Corderman agreed. Captain Wenger stated that he sees some advantage in retaining the subcommittees in the position which they now occupy in the plan. Captain Harper stated that the proper function of the subcommittees would be to advise STANCICC. Captain Wenger agreed, adding that the subcommittees should be free to advise STANCICC on matters of policy without going through the coordinator or director. Captain Harper pointed out that if the subcommittees were under a director their decisions might not reach STANCICC. General Corderman said that he was agreeable to having the subcommittees retain their present position in the plan since he did not feel that it made a great deal of difference.

Captain Wenger asked whether any progress had been made in reaching a decision on Admiral Redman's memorandum regarding the processing of General Corderman replied that any such allocation of tasks should be left to the coordinator of joint tasks. Captain Wenger pointed out that the recent exchange of memoranda between General Eisenhower and Admiral Nimitz demanded action in coordinating Army-Navy C.I. activities without delay. General Corderman stated that the proposed coordination plan represents considerable progress in carrying

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out their directives. He added that the coordinator or director should receive guidance from STANCIB in carrying on his activities. Captain Smedberg said that STANCIB must now decide, first, whether a coordinator or a director is advisable, and second, who the coordinator or director will be. Captain Wenger agreed, pointing out that the proposed plan offers a general framework, the details of which have still to be worked out.

Mr. Finan asked how the State Department is represented in the proposed plan, since the State Department will be very much interested in anything that is on the intelligence level. Colonel Heckemeyer stated that this is only one of three supplementary plans. This one concerns technical production; the other two are concerned with the product and its dissemination. Mr. Finan remarked that the State Department has some interest in the present plan because the amount of authority possessed by a director or a coordinator will affect the State Department's relations with the technical agencies. Captain Wenger agreed, pointing out that the State Department is involved in the present plan with reference to policy making but is not considered to be directly interested in technical problems.